



Project Lifesaver

What We Can Do for You...

- ▶ Identify individuals who are at risk of wandering-before they leave home.
- ▶ Deputies will meet with individuals and their caregivers to assist them in determining if they are a potential client.
- ▶ They will assist you in obtaining the equipment or services needed.
- ▶ Monthly follow-up by a team of deputies will ensure information is current and equipment is working.
- ▶ This will assist deputies in the search effort should the client become lost.
- ▶ All information regarding the client and family is confidential and is only used for emergency situations.
- ▶ Access is restricted to rescue, fire, and sheriff's office personnel.

Education and community awareness continues to be the cornerstone of Project Lifesaver's success. Our deputies are active in presenting information to civic groups, healthcare providers and to interested groups throughout the community.

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**To Locate Missing Persons
with Alzheimer's, Autism, or
Down Syndrome**



**Peace of Mind for those you
Love**

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Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is a national, proactive electronic tracking program used to assist in locating people with Alzheimer's disease, dementia and related disorders, and children with Down Syndrome or Autism Spectrum Disorder who wander from home and become lost.

A lost child with Autism or Down Syndrome, or an adult wandering from dementia, constitutes a critical emergency and presents challenges to police in search and rescue operations. While we cannot predict when a person will become lost, we can prepare.

A personalized state-of-the-art battery powered transmitter is used that emits a constant radio signal 24 hours a day. The radio transmitter is the size of a wrist watch and provides a constant radio signal.

Once the sheriff's office is notified that a person is missing, deputies identify the signal from a specialized directional antenna and are able to track the wandering person. Deputies will use this equipment on foot, in cars, and also by air, providing maximum cover and capability for search efforts for several miles.

Nationwide, Project Lifesaver has responded to more than 1700 rescues and all were 100 percent successful with a recovery time of less than 30 minutes.

Locator Bracelet



Project lifesaver is designed to provide security and comfort for the family while safely guarding the memory-impaired and those who are least able to help themselves.



The Project Lifesaver bracelet is much more than a passive ID bracelet. It is a battery operated radio wrist transmitter emitting an automatic tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day. The signal is tracked on the ground up to 1 mile and in the air up to 10 miles. As each bracelet has a unique radio frequency, the Project Lifesaver search team positively locates and identifies the person who has wandered away from home or a care facility.

The National Alzheimer's Association reports 32,000 people wander away from homes and care facilities each year.

The Partnership with Law Enforcement

Project Lifesaver is about people and partnerships. The focus is on communities where law enforcement, civic groups, local businesses and caregivers join in developing and strengthening all aspects of the program including rescues, education and especially fundraising so families in financial need can have the protection and the peace of mind.

Project Lifesaver saves lives and further serves the community by significantly reducing the need for extensive search and rescue operations that are extremely costly in terms of human and financial resources. Searches for wandering individuals that have taken days and tens of thousands of dollars and scores of searchers can be successfully concluded in less than an hour if Project Lifesaver is available in your community.

This partnership and the program's effectiveness and reliability has earned the endorsement of the National Sheriff's Association, Virginia Sheriff's Association, and the Alzheimer's Association of America